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INSTALMENT received on NEW SHARES.....2,074,744.75

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RESERVE FUND.....\$2,000,000.

INSTALMENT of PREMIUM received on NEW SHARES.....1,563,361.06

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Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 583

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. OSCAR NOOTD is authorized to sign our Firm for Procuration.

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Hoihow, 1st June, 1884. 573

Intimations.

NOTICE.

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 30, 1884. 902

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of YORICK JONES MURROW, Esq., Deceased, formerly of Hongkong.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of the said YORICK JONES MURROW, who died at Alphington House in the Parish of Saint Saviour in the Island of Jersey on the 12th day of March 1884, and Letters of Administration with the will annexed, of whose estate and effects were granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 9th day of June, 1884, limiting the time for Creditors to send in their claims to the date.

And Notice is hereby also given that at the expiration of the day above limited the said JAMES HENRY COX will proceed to distribute the assets of the said YORICK JONES MURROW, deceased, amongst the Parties entitled thereto having regard to the claims of which the said JAMES HENRY COX or the undersigned shall then have had notice and that the said JAMES HENRY COX will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim he shall not have had notice at the time of distribution.

All Parties INDEBTED to the above Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the said JAMES HENRY COX.

Dated the 5th day of June, 1884.

BRERETON, WOOTTON & DEACON,

Solicitors for the said JAMES HENRY COX,

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Hongkong.

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NOTICE is hereby given that in Accordance with Resolution No. 2 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 30th December, 1882, ALL SHARES not TAKEN UP, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th CALLS paid on or before the 30th JUNE next, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion, they shall think best in the Interests of the Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 24, 1884. 712

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Hongkong, May 24, 1884. 805

THIRD DRAWING.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, in con-

formity with the Conditions under which the DEBENTURES of the above Company were issued, the following Numbers of Debentures to be paid in Hongkong on the 30th day of June, 1884, when the INTEREST thereon will cease to be payable, on this day DRAWN at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, General Agents of the Company, present of the Undersigned may be paid.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1884. 900

For Sale.

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TEA

1884.5

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J. S. JUDAH.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that by the

Provisions made under Two Bills of Sale dated the 10th day of April, 1884, made between ABRAHAM ELEAZER ABRAHAM of the one part and the Undersigned of the other part, I have This Day entered and taken possession of the Premises known as the "INTERNATIONAL PRINTING OFFICE," No. 3, Hollywood Road, Hongkong, and will transact all BUSINESS from henceforth for my own account and in my Name.

Hongkong, dated the 14th day of June, 1884.

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J. S. JUDAH.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that by the

Provisions made under Two Bills of Sale dated respectively the 3rd day of March, 1883, much respectively between ABRAHAM ELEAZER ABRAHAM of the one part, and ALEXANDRE ECA DA SILVA of the other part, and the said ABRAHAM ELEAZER ABRAHAM and SOLOMON MEYERS of the other part, we, the Undersigned have This Day entered and taken possession of the Premises known as the "NOVELTY STORE," in Marine House, No. 17, Queen's Road, Hongkong, and will transact all BUSINESS from henceforth on our own account and in our Names.

Dated the 14th day of June, 1884.

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A. A. ECA DA SILVA,

S. MEYERS.

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Per pro. N. S. MEYERS.

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

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TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 18th June, 1884.
THE SUEZ CANAL.

It is reported that the English and French Governments have concluded an arrangement for the neutralization of the Suez Canal.

AFRICA IN THE SOUDAN.

King John of Abyssinia has undertaken to relieve Kassala.

The Royal Engineers detachment at Cairo has been ordered to proceed to Suez for the purpose of constructing a railway to Barber.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL.—Hector & Ivanhoe, June 2; Cleopatra, June 5; Patroclus, June 9.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, per the O. & O. steamer Ocean, left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 17th June, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 25th instant.

The S. S. Neptune left Sydney for this port on the 3rd instant.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer Cuthbert left Sydney on the 3rd inst. for this port.

The S. S. Titania left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst.

The S. S. Despatch left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst.

DOCK MOVEMENTS.—The Adelus left Cosmopolitan Dock to-day.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS was received by one or two establishments in the Colony yesterday evening stating that the Empress-Regent had sanctioned a scheme for the construction of a railway from Peking to Tientsin. It had been stated in this journal that application had been made to the Chinese Government for permission to carry out such an undertaking, and consequently the news was not a surprise. As the first step in such an enterprise was to obtain the Imperial sanction for it, no details of construction have of course been arranged at present. In all probability it will be a Government undertaking, the only Europeans employed being the surveying, engineering and superintending staff necessary to carry out such a work. We comment fully on the news in a leading article.

200 BAGS of opium were seized by the Customs officers at Canton on board the steamer Power on her arrival on Monday morning last. The opium was stowed in mat bags, 8 bags in each bag, secreted under the ballast in the forehold of the steamer.

THIRTY German sailors and mechanics, who formed part of the crews who brought out the two new ironclads for the Chinese Government, are now in this Colony. The greater number of the men intend to leave here for Australia.

Mr. A. R. Colquhoun and Mr. J. G. Scott, who accompanies Mr. Colquhoun on his approaching expedition through the Shan States and Southern China, left here for Bangkok to-day by the S. S. Phra Chom Kao. The purport of two conversations Mr. Colquhoun had recently with Li Hung Chang will be found elsewhere.

THE further examination of Mr. Woodford in the Bankruptcy Court, fixed for to-day, has been postponed. A meeting of a number of his creditors was held in the Registrar's office this forenoon for the purpose of examining the vouchers; but their examination has been further postponed until Monday, when another meeting of creditors will be held.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, the report of which will be found in another column, the Finance Committee reported their unanimous opinion that an Estimate for a new pier at the foot of Peppermint Street should be included in the Estimate of Extraordinary Works to be brought forward by the Surveyor-General. The matter will be considered at the next meeting. It is a most desirable work.

SAI SONG.—The Saigonais of the 12th instant—“The transport Tonquin arrived yesterday, at the entrance of the river to disembark 60 passengers and 700 tons of material for Cochin-China, but under instructions not to communicate with Saigon—the country is situated, this country of infection. It is ridiculous thus to put our country in quarantine for imaginary cholera, for an Asiatic maledy appearing every year at the approach of the dry season, and which is no doubt wrongly named cholera. The Tonquin returns to Haiphong to wait with the Nite the orders of the Minister.

The Saigonais of the 12th instant furnishes us with the particulars of the new Treaty between France and Annam, signed at Hué on the 6th June by M. Patenotre, the French Minister to China. Lieut-Colonel Rheinhart has been installed provisionally as Resident-General at Hué. The province of Binhthuan has been restored; the missions have obtained indemnities; an amnesty has been accorded to the mandarins compromised, and the Annamites Government has sent back the Imperial Chinese seal. The French have also obtained a permanent garrison in a part of the citadel at Hué, the military occupation of certain parts of Annam that may be chosen for the purpose, and lastly the establishment of a customs system.

At the present time, when foreigners in China are all looking to the famous Viceroy of Chihli, as the only hope of the progressive party in China and as the man through whose influence any concessions to the Western Powers, in the way of further opening up the country to foreign commerce, must be obtained, everything that can be done to strengthen his hands and assist him in his struggle against the obstructionist party should at once be put into execution. The special correspondent of the Times, on the occasion of his recent visit to Tientsin and Peking, had several interviews with Li Hung Chang, who expressed himself strongly in favour of a general scheme of opening up communications throughout the country by means of railways and steamers. The Viceroy allowed that he fully appreciated the benefits which would accrue to the Government and the country in general by securing the most rapid and convenient form of locomotion throughout the length and breadth of the land. But His Excellency also knows that, though for the present his influence with the Empress-Regent is paramount and his position perhaps stronger than ever before, it is not by any means unassassable, and feels the necessity of receiving all the support that can be given him by the representatives of the Western Powers and the whole foreign community in carrying out his programme of reform and progress. We have good reason to believe that if the project of opening up the West River to foreign trade be at once laid before the Government of Peking, and the strong reasons of its policy, even from a Chinese point of view, are pressed by the representatives of the powers, a favorable decision would be granted, if only as a safeguard against possible future French aggression. The main river has been already explored and its fitness for steamer traffic amply proved, while it is known that the southern branch is navigable as high up as the important town of Nanking, a distance of some 350 miles above Canton. It is probable that within a few months we shall be in possession of information concerning the northern or main branch of the West River, which we are informed that this district is to be included in the country to be traversed by Mr. Colquhoun's expedition. This exploration and surveying party is, we believe, to be divided, one division starting from the Burmese side, following up the course already taken by Messrs. Hall and Cushing, while the other division starts through Chinese territory. The field of exploration to be covered by the expedition in China is to be considerably wider than was originally intended, and several districts which are at present *terra incognita* will be traversed and reported upon by the exploring party.In New York the latest foolish freak is for bold men to paint their heads as a part of their full dress. At a recent entertainment one individual's scalp was covered with a carefully-painted battle-piece, another with a group of fish and shells, while a third displayed a copy of one of Mr. Vanderbilt's *Mosaics*!

A WEEK or two ago four well-dressed men entered a London tavern and had dinner. When the moment came to pay the bill they said that they had no money with them, but would leave a valuable diamond ring. A few days later they called, settled the previous account, had another dinner, talked to the proprietor, and finally sold him the ring for £100. He considered that he had made a good bargain, because he had taken the ring for £100. The gulfus, however, had on their second visit substituted an imitation facsimile for the genuine ring, and that made all the difference.

A PROJECT is now on foot of which we will most likely soon hear a great deal more. It is proposed to raise a body of two hundred volunteers to go to the relief of Gordon. Two conditions of enlistment are already determined upon—one is that the recruit must be a gentleman; the other that he is willing to devote, in addition to his life, a hundred pounds to the carrying out of this purpose. The proposition was started in the first instance with some of the gallant officers who are just returned from the Soudan. The Duke of Cambridge promptly gave his veto upon it from the Soudan, but the enterprise is likely to be taken up in other quarters. It is just the kind of undertaking likely to attract his blooded young Englishmen, and it cannot but it will probably embarrass the Government by necessitating a relief expedition to rescue the relievers; it will not lack political support.—*Home News*.

SEVEN years have not elapsed since the first tricycle made its appearance in England; and now the demand cannot keep pace with the demand. Last year ten thousand new machines were sold, and this year it is anticipated that not only will manufacturers work full time, but that the stocks in hand will be entirely exhausted. Already ten thousand workmen are engaged in the manufacture of tricycles; and capital approaching £100,000 has been sunk in their manufacture. It must not be assumed that the tricycle is a more steady-going machine than it is, therefore now. Only last year, sixty-seven men were started off from London early one morning to see how far they could ride in twenty-four hours. The result was remarkable. Four rods two hundred miles; five rods one hundred and seventy-five miles; twenty rods one hundred and fifty miles; seventeen rods one hundred and twenty-five miles; and ten rods one hundred miles. But the best score made then was exceeded afterwards by a gentleman in the Midland Counties, who ran two hundred and twenty-one miles in the same period of time. No horse has ever performed such a journey.

Exceptionally fortunate has the Health Exhibition been in commencing with such a weather. The garden effects of last year

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. All the members were present.

APPEALS TO HEALTH OFFICER'S LAUNCH.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of £600 for a general overhaul and repair of the Health Officer's launch.

The vote was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

REPLY TO VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

His Excellency addressed the Council. He said:—Before proceeding with the Order of the Day I desire to lay before the Council the correspondence between myself and the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting the lamented death of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. I forwarded, in due course, the address of condolence to the Queen which you voted some weeks ago. By the last mail I received the following gratifying reply from Lord Derby:—

“Sir, I have had the honour to lay before the Queen your Dispatch of the 5th April forwarding an Address of Condolence to Her Majesty, on account of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, from the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

“The Queen was pleased to receive this Address most graciously; and I am commanded to convey to you Her Majesty's grateful appreciation of this loyal expression of sympathy in her deep distress on the part of the Hongkong Legislature, acting for the inhabitants of the Colony, and of the Queen.

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